REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 7, 10 and 43 are currently

pending in this application. Claims 1, 6 - 7, 10 and 43 have been amended. Claims

5, 8 - 9 and 11 - 43 are cancelled without prejudice. The specification has been

amended to include the term "flanges" as suggested by the Examiner; to remove the

recitation of "Applicant" in Paragraphs [0007] and [0028]; to include the patent

number of the parent application and to correct a typographical error in paragraph

[0047]. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 - 4, 6 - 7, 9 - 10 and 43

contain allowable subject matter.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to informalities. The

amendment to the specification, as set forth in the attached Substitute

Specification, obviates the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the

specification is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failure to show every feature of

the invention specified in the claims. The amendments to claim 1 and to the

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specification obviate the objection to the drawings. Accordingly, withdrawal of the

objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 6 - 7, 9 - 10 and 43 were rejected in the Action due to informalities.

The amendment of those claims obviates the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of

the objection to the claims 1, 6 - 7, 9 - 10 and 43 is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 was also rejected under 37 CFR §1.75 as being a substantial

duplicate of claim 1. The cancellation of claim 9 renders the objection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 7 and 9 - 10 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second

paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 6 - 7, 10 and 43 have been amended to recite the term "flanges" as

suggested by the Examiner. Claim 1 has also been amended to more clearly point

out that the circumferential flanges are parallel to each other and extend radially.

Claim 10 has been similarly amended to more clearly point out that the

flanges extend radially outwards from the two sides of the outer peripheral wall.

Based on the amendments presented above, withdrawal of the 35 USC §112

rejection of claims 1 - 4, 6 - 7 and 9 - 10 is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be

addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a

telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the

Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully

submit that the present application, including claims 1 - 4, 6 - 7, 10 and 43 is in

condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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Enclosures (2)

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